

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD **2ND SEPTEMBER 2003**

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

Present: Tanya Collins, Phillippa Stanbridge, Frances White, Maria Robinson, Bev and Philip Rinvenuto, Debbie James, Millie and Ronnie Barclay, Chris Lowe, Petra Longhorn, Hilary Turewicz, Darren Pritchett, Jon Shilling.

Apologies: Andy Lowe

Meeting opened at 8.10pm

Introduction and welcome of a new member of the Committee, Chris Lowe.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 05.08.2003.

Two points were raised; Hilary was not mentioned as present at the meeting. Apologies were made.

Frances stated that she did not recall mention that installation of equipment was 'on hold' due to the issue of ownership not being resolved.

Further mention of this is made under 'Playspace Planning Permission'.

Treasury Report

Following the discussion that £50.00 may be missing from the Sponsored Walk money Hilary stated that this had now been found making the total raised due to that event being £783.37, with some more to come.

From the very successful Beach Party, whilst the full figure is not yet known, £154 was raised from the Raffle with other donations were still being handed over to Hilary (literally). The total amount should hopefully be available at the next meeting.

Bank Account Name

It was agreed that the Bank Account should be in the name of Kempston Rural Playspace and not Wood End Recreation Committee as it is now. The name change will save confusion when we are granted funds as to why we

call ourselves one name and ask for cheques etc to be issued in another name. This will now be done as soon as possible as the Cheque awarded by the Local Network fund for £7000.00 needed to be deposited first, which is now done.

Inspection Book and Rota

This is being kept up to date and appears to be working well. Chris Lowe has volunteered to go onto the Rota.

Frances and Roger have noticed that the brambles and weeds are coming up again and the area could do with some general Maintenance.

Maintenance Day

Sunday 12th October 2003 - 10.00 @ The Playspace

Jumping the agenda slightly it was suggested that this also could be the day where all of the equipment according to the plan prepared by Playdale could be physically 'marked out' with exact dimensions using spray paint, in order that the committee and the local residents could see how the final design would look. Members of the Committee to be on hand to be able to discuss the plan and any issues that residents may have.

Action: Debbie James to organise the spray paint and leaflets to be distributed to all houses in Wood End Road and Tithe Road.

Frances also said that parts of the new fence needed attention.

Action: Debbie James to contact Matt Lawson.

Also there appears to be dogs that are fouling the area. It was also suggested that this could be foxes. It was agreed that a notice would be put up in a prominent position to the effect of 'No Dogs in Playspace' as an interim measure. At the next Parish Council meeting it was suggested that we could ask for official signs imposing a penalty on those that allow their dogs to foul the area. Clearly that this means that the area will need to be patrolled by persons in authority that can enforce the signs.

Action: Hilary to ask Richard if temporary signs could be made and erected.

Tanya to contact Dog Warden to ask about signs and enforcement.

Issue to be raised at the next Parish Council meeting.

Company Applications / Introduction Letter

Richard and Hilary have very kindly printed copies of our Portfolio and these are now ready to go out to local companies.

If you know of any company that you think may support us please contact Jon or Julie with your suggestion so a Portfolio can be sent to them.

Action: All

Phillippa, Bev, Julie and Tanya prepared a draft introduction letter that was sent out for ideas and suggestions and a few ideas have been returned. It was agreed that they would look at the suggestions made and make amendments.

Action: Phillippa, Bev, Julie and Tanya.

Constitution

Again this has not been looked at further at this stage due to lack of time. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Debbie James

Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday 30th September 2003 – 7.30pm Church End
Meet at Cross Keys 7.15pm**

After an appeal for a member of the committee to volunteer Chris Lowe has applied to become a Parish Councillor.

The Committee fully supports his application and believes that he will be an excellent ambassador both for the local community and The Playspace.

Campaign to Save The Cross Keys Public House

Following a Planning Application being submitted to change the use of the Cross Keys Public House into a dwelling, together with a conversion and extension and erection of two further dwellings the time had come to act to save our pub.

Chris Lowe, jumping in at the deep end, has volunteered to spearhead this campaign in his potential role of Parish Councillor and is in the process of

speaking to all of the residents in Wood End, distributing letters in order that residents can make their objection in writing, obtaining signatures on a petition to object to this planning application and co-ordinating the 'fight'!

The Playspace fully supports Chris Lowe and will assist in any way possible as this is our base and we have a vested interest in keeping the pub open.

Attached is a copy of a letter written to object to this Planning Application from The Playspace.

If you have not received a pro-forma objection letter and would like to write to object to this application or know anyone that would, please contact Chris Lowe at 5 Tithe Road, Wood End, Kempston Rural,
Telephone: 01234 854 939.

Time is of the essence. The deadline for objection is 9th September 2003.

Beach Party

Another outstanding, successful, brilliant night where everyone enjoyed themselves and funds were raised for the Playspace.

A Big Thank You to all involved.

Petra and Eliot for supporting us in the event, allowing us to take over, decorate and use of Pub and for being there! -

Dave and Carcass for providing the Disco, lights and the entertainment -

Ben and Hilary for working so hard behind the bar and making the Cocktails -

Richard for providing the wonderful 'Picture Postcard' and photographs -

Roger for his Bagatelle game where it is believed that Ronnie was made Champion!!! -

Mick and Margaret for the Hot Dogs and Burgers -

Phillippa for The Raffle -

Frances for the fruit and vegetables -

Everyone that brought decorations for the pub and assisted in setting and clearing up.

And to **everyone** that came and supported The Playspace, The Cross Keys Pub and had a wonderful evening.

Local Concerns and Issues

Richard and Hilary also printed off enough copies of the Portfolio to deliver one to all of the residents that back onto The Playspace in order they are informed about our aims and objectives and final design for The Playspace, following the anonymous letter being delivered where some concerns were raised and it was apparent the Plan was not known.

A covering letter was also drafted to go with these and is attached for information.

Action: Phillippa agreed to deliver these as soon as possible.

As already mentioned the date for marking out has been arranged.

Playspace Planning Permission

Following the anonymous letter mention was made of planning permission for the area.

The Planning authorities were contacted and stated that prior to installation of equipment, either a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' (cost £55.00) or 'planning permission' (cost £110.00) would be required. (If the certificate were refused the £55.00 from that application would be taken off the planning permission application).

The time scale would appear to be approximately 8 –12 weeks for each application.

There is nothing in the archive paperwork that suggests that either have ever been applied for.

Clearly this raises the issue of who is responsible for obtaining this and the question of 'who owns the land' again is raised and until these issues are resolved we cannot install equipment.

Action: Debbie James to deliver this to the Parish Council.

Driveway Sale

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2003 - 11.00am

Start getting all your ~~junk, out of date items!~~ unwanted, quality merchandise out!

There will be a Sub-Committee meeting to make all the arrangements on

Tuesday 9th September 2003 @ 8.00pm Cross Keys

If you can help please attend

If you are unable to attend, but would like to help please contact Debbie.

Funding Applications

Jon has been working very hard meeting with contacts and filling in forms applying for funding for the project.

An application has been submitted to Mark West, Director of Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation for their maximum of £500.00 to assist us.

They will consider this application early September and will notify us soon after.

An application has also been submitted to The Harpur Trust Charity for £8000.00, the cost for the Multi-purpose climbing frame. This amount is deemed to be realistic. Costs for the surfacing and the installation have been made clear in the application giving them opportunity to consider awarding more.

The result of this application will be known at the beginning of October 2003.

The thinking being; once it is known what the outcome of these applications are then the shortfall between what has been achieved to date and the total cost will be applied for via 'Living Spaces' part of the National Lottery. Living Spaces criteria fits in with our aims and objectives perfectly and award grants of between £1000.00 and £100,000.00. Our shortfall will not be towards the top end of their scale and it is believed that we are in with a good chance of being awarded a substantial sum.

Any Other Business

Nothing raised.

Date of Next Meeting

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2003 @ 8.00PM

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

Summary of Dates to Remember

**Tuesday 9th September 2003 - 8.00pm - Cross Keys
Driveway Sub-Committee Meeting**

**Sunday 28th September 2003 - 11.00am
Driveway Sale**

**Tuesday 30th September 2003 - 7.30pm
Parish Council Meeting
Meet at Cross Keys - 7.15pm**

**Tuesday 2nd October 2003 - 8.00pm - Cross Keys
Next Meeting**

**Sunday 12th October 2003 - 10.00am - Playspace
General Maintenance and Marking Out**

**12.00 – 1.30pm Committee Members to be on hand to assist in
questions.**

Thank you all for your support.

